

Mediating Israeli History & East European History

Zionism and Jewish Migration from Russia and Poland

January 11-12, 2015

Tokyo Station College, Saitama University

Jan. 11 (Sun) 10:30-18:15

Introduction 10:30-10:45

Taro Tsurumi (Saitama University)

Russia and Transformation of Jewishness 10:45-12:30

Olga Litvak (Clark University) "Zionism, a Love Story: Jewish Sexual Politics and the Origins of Russian Palestinophilism"

Taro Tsurumi "Between Hyphenate Jews and Independent Jews: The Collapse of Empire and the Courses of the Russian Jewish Identity"

Discussant: Mitsuharu Akao (Osaka University)

Empire and East/West 13:45-16:15

Israel Bartal (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) "Little Russia' in Palestine? Imperial Past, National Future (1860-1948)"

Arieh Saposnik (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) "Zionism, Territorialism and Empire"

Rafi Tsirkin-Sadan (Hebrew University) "The East-West Dichotomy in Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky's *Samson*"

Discussant: Susumu Nonaka (Saitama University)

Law, Rights, Citizenship 16:30-18:15

Benjamin Nathans (University of Pennsylvania) "Refuseniks and Rights Defenders: Jews and the Soviet Dissident Movement"

Nir Kedar (Sapir College) "The East European Roots of Israeli Civicism and Rule of Law"

Discussant: Nobuo Shimotomai (Hosei University)

Jan. 12 (Mon) 9:30-18:00

Poland, Democracy, and Demography 9:30-12:00

David Engel (New York University) "Democracy and Diaspora: On the Nature and Extent of Israel's East European Heritage"

Kenneth Moss (Johns Hopkins University) "Zionist Sociologies of Polish Jewry, and Vice Versa, 1929-1937"

Haruka Miyazaki (Hokkaido University of Education) "The Jewish Problem from the Point of View of Polish Nation-Building"

Discussant: Jun Yoshioka (Tsuda College)

Socialism and Transnational Kibbutz 13:15-15:45

Ziva Galili (Rutgers University) "The Paradox of Soviet Influence: The Case of Kibbutz *Hashomer Hatza'ir* from USSR"

Chizuko Takao (Tokyo Medical and Dental University) "The Joint and the Zionist youth (*Hehalutz*) Movements in Ukraine and Crimea in the 1920s"

Rona Yona (New York University) "Connecting Poland and Palestine: Organizational Aspects"

Discussant: David Wolff (Hokkaido University)

General Discussion 16:00-18:00

Location: 9th floor of Sapia Tower, 1-7-12 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo. Close to Nihonbashi Gate and Yaesu North Gate of Tokyo Station; the same building as Hotel Metropolitan Marunouchi (proceed to the office entrance on the 3rd floor and receive a one-day pass at our reception)

イスラエル史と東欧史を仲介する

ロシアとポーランドからのシオニズムとユダヤ移民

2015年1月11・12日（日・月祝） 於 埼玉大学東京ステーションカレッジ

Aim and Scope

Although Israel has broadly been defined as the West in the Middle East, most founding fathers of Israel were born in Russia or Poland. Of course, they hardly identified themselves as Russians or Poles, attempting rather to fit themselves into Western culture. Nevertheless, just as we distinguish between Russian Westernizers and West European modernists, we have to distinguish, for example, between Russian Zionist Westernizers and West European Zionists.

In the Russian Empire including Poland, Jewish people long played roles of intermediaries such as merchants, handicraftsmen, and intellectuals, connecting several elements in the Empire and beyond. While the Zionist movement strove for the revolutionary transformation of Jewish life so that the Jewish people could become an independent nation, that aspiration emerged in the long history of entanglement with East European history. Moreover, one could argue that the Zionist movement itself served to mediate between (East European) Jewish elements and non-Jewish ones such as modern nationalism and socialism, and thus—either consciously or unconsciously—alotted to Jews a new role as middlemen between Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Broadly, this conference deals with the connection between Israeli history and East European history with special focus on Russia and Poland. More specifically, in order to put Zionism into the contexts of Jews and Eastern Europe simultaneously, the conference will not presuppose the existence of Jewish/Zionist culture and East European culture as given, but it will examine how each individual or movement attempted to utilize spiritual and material resources available in each environment, while encountering structural limitations for minorities. By doing so, the conference will provide a new perspective to conceive of Israel as an entity beyond the definition of Israel as a colony of the West. This would in turn shed light on a forgotten but integral aspect of East European history, since it is also a history of leaving Eastern Europe as a result of interaction with it.

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